

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 28, 2014 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters; Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the July 14th meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon with a second by Ken Masters.

NINE STAR

IT director Randy Herbert presented a new contract with Nine Star for internet service. The three year contract calls for an upgrade to double band width at a cost of \$349 per month. This is an increase of \$90 per month. Mark Bacon moved to table the contract as recommended by the county attorney. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RIDE RUSH

Wanda Henderson presented the quarterly report to INDOT for Ride Rush. Mark Bacon moved to sign the report with Ken Masters seconding the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mike Pavey explained that although there has been an effort to close out the Eastern Indiana Development District (EIDD) the latest plan is to reorganize and rename the organization. The goal is to receive a commitment of \$6,802 from Fayette, Henry, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne counties. These funds will be matched by the EDA and used to apply for a planning grant.

The Mayor shared information about an opportunity being offered by the Bowen Center at BSU for cities and counties to apply for the 2014 Community Conversation Workshop. Applications must be submitted by August 15th.

APC

The Commissioners called for a Public Hearing at 9:30 a. m. APC director Rhea Dawn Buckley presented a petition to rezone property owned by Alva E. Jr. & Malinda A. Wagler at 8500 S St. Rd. 3 from A1 rural to Commercial. Mark Bacon moved to grant a favorable approval. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. The signature page was not available at this time.

FITNESS INITIATIVE

Carole Yeend representing the Fitness Initiative Team spoke of the 9 month program to encourage physical fitness. There will be a Family Fitness Fair on August 16th and permission was granted for the placement of two signs on the courthouse yard on a motion by Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ECDC

John Mc Cane is to have a conference call with Nexus Appraisal Company and DuPont. Mark Bacon moved to table the Pioneer TIF Resolution pending additional information. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INSURANCE

Representatives from Liberty National Life Insurance introduced a Worksite Advantage Plan to the board. Bruce Levi informed the duo that an insurance committee would be the body to make a recommendation to the Commissioners.

JAIL STUDY COMMISSION

The Commissioners are forming a Jail Study Commission to be co-chaired by County Councilmen Charles Smith & Marvin Hedrick. The names of Ron Jarman, Larry Mull and Mark Angle were submitted for consideration. Ken Masters moved to approve those submitted to the commission. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce was asked if the County's schedules could be placed on the Chamber's 24/7 calendar.

Fussner reported that Rush Fest will be held on September 20th along with the annual Poker Run.

CLERK

Debbie Richardson Clerk presented a contract for E-poll books from a company named KNOW.iNK. Attorney Morning found several issues with the contract and recommended that the approval be taken under advisement. Ken Masters moved to table the signing of the document. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Sitton, presented a contract for bridge #138 on Co Rd 715 W north of Homer. Ken Masters moved to sign the contract with Mark Bacon offering a second. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported the inmate count is back to normal with 42 inmates. Sherwood explained that there was a sink hole on the parking lot on the east side of the jail, but the Rush County Highway Department was there immediately and remedied the problem.

HEATING & COOLING CONTRACT

The plumbing, heating & cooling contract for the courthouse is up for renewal. The auditor was instructed to advertise for a maintenance contract to be let on August 25th.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The insurance committee has received some feedback on the required health screenings for 2015. Commissioner Levi has the health department working on protocol for using providers other than Rush Memorial Hospital. The hospital has established what will be included in their health screenings. The insurance committee will meet to determine how to proceed with this new requirement.

Claims were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters with the change from Robbins to Duke Energy.

Ken Masters moved to pay the payroll claims. Mark Bacon seconded the motion.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Ken Masters offered a second. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor